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                            ) Roasting Small Quantities  
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                            ) Of Coffee Beans  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims 3, 4 and 7 as indicated on the enclosed marked copy and add claims 8 and 9.

Clean copies of Claims 3, 4 and 7:

3. A method in accord with claim 1, characterized in that the data sets contain additionally parameters for color, degree of darkness of the coffee beans, quantity of batch feed, or exhaust temperature.

4. A method in accord with claim 1, characterized by means for time related variation of the operational parameters or the threshold parameters of the data sets.

7. An apparatus in accord with claim 5, characterized in that the data sets contain parameters for: color, degree of darkness of the coffee beans, quantity of batch feed or exhaust gas temperature.

Add the following claims:

8. A method in accord with claim 2, characterized by means for time related variation of the operational parameters and/or the threshold parameters of the data sets.

9. A method in accord with claim 3, characterized by means for time related variation of the operational parameters and/or the threshold parameters of the data sets.

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